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additionally, Applicants claim the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) - (d) based on patent application No. MI99A002515, filed December 1, 1999, in the Italian Patent Office; further, Applicants claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on prior-filed, copending provisional application No. 60/187,384, filed March 7, 2000, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; the contents of all of which are relied upon and incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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Page 1, line 8, add section subheading --Description of the Related Art-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "A tyre in its more general form . . ."

Page 4, line 4, add section heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "The Applicant has perceived that the formation . . ."

Add a new Page 25 after the claims, adding the following ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE. A new, separate Page 25 including the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE is enclosed.

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A tyre for vehicle wheels provided with a tread pattern includes at least one continuous central circumferential groove straddling an equatorial plane of the tyre, at least two continuous lateral circumferential grooves having median planes substantially parallel to the equatorial plane